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# Pandemic Flu Particulars

Tips to help communities prepare for, survive and recover from pandemic flu and other disasters

**Health and Human Services** just published a new guide with helpful direction for states and communities struggling with pan flu planning or not quite sure how to start. This how-to publication helps communities develop operating plans with clear objectives and strategies, defined responsibilities for organizations and easily measurable performance objectives.

The guide suggests community leaders discuss the following scenarios to start the planning process:

- ♦ Pan flu is spreading quickly and absentee rates in city and county offices have reached 30 percent. How will you continue to offer the critical services the public expects from your office that are necessary to maintain a level of normalcy in your community?
- ♦ Pan flu is contagious and spreads quickly. How will your office provide services to the public without spreading the virus? Can you adapt services so you can encourage workers to stay home when they're sick?
- ♦ The infrastructure that supports your community is a blend of private and public entities. What sort of support system is in place when pan flu threatens to shut down members of the team?

Federal departments from Agriculture to Veterans Affairs have packed this guide with valuable information to help you plan for pandemic flu. To read more, visit [www.pandemicflu.gov/news/guidance031108.pdf](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/news/guidance031108.pdf).

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